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In re application of:

Scott Borland et al.

Application No.:

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For: APERTURE PLATE AND
METHODS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION
AND USE

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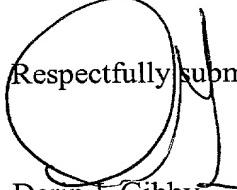
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please cancel claims 1-9 and 15-18 which were prosecuted in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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